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In re Patent Application of:
Henrik Stender

Application No.: 10/821,805

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Art Unit: 1634

For: PEPTIDE NUCLEIC ACID PROBES FOR
DETECTION, IDENTIFICATION AND/OR
QUANTITATION OF PSEUDOMONAS
(SENSU STRICTO)

Examiner: D. B. Johannsen

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 25, 2006 (Paper No. 1), applicant hereby provisionally elects claims for continued examination, with traverse.

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First, the subject matter of the groups relates to a single inventive concept for which a single patent should issue. The pending claims represent an intricate web of knowledge, continuity of effort, and consequences, which merit examination of all of these claims in a single application. More particularly, a single, searchable, unifying aspect links all of the claims. This single, searchable, unifying aspect relates to PNA probes and methods of use and incorporation thereof in kits. Second, Applicants

submit that a sufficient search and examination with respect to the subject matter of all claims can be made without serious burden. As the M.P.E.P. states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. M.P.E.P. § 803 (8th ed., Rev. No. 2, May 2004).

That is, even if the above-enumerated groups of claims are drawn to distinct inventions, the Examiner must still examine the entire application on the merits because doing so will not result in a serious burden. This is especially true in light of the robust and extensive computerized search engines and databases at the Examiner's disposal. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and that each of claims 1-31 presently pending in this application be examined.

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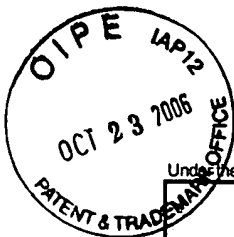
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